CLERK, L' DISTRICT COURT DISTRICTURE NEW JERSEY

## GERALD WALPINED

Clerk Of The Court Clarkson S. Fisher Building & U.S. Courthouse 402 East State Street Trenton, New Jersey 08608

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: In Re Johnson & Johnson Derivative Litigation
And two related litigations –
Civil Actions Nos. 10-2033; 11-2511; 11-4993
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I first received notice in the mail TODAY, September 17, 2012, of the "Proposed Settlement" etc., despite the fact that the Notice mandates that any objection that I have "must be received no later than September 14, 2012 by the Clerk Of The Court, Plaintiff's Counsel, and Defendants' Counsel" – an obvious impossibility, given that the Notice was only received today. I do not know how many other holders of Johnson & Johnson ("J&J") stock have been similarly supposedly technically disqualified from filing an objection. However, I am writing now on the assumption that my objection will be considered by this Court in view of the above chronology.

I enclose documentation, of an excerpted copy of my holdings, reflecting my continued ownership of 300 shares of J&J stock.

I have no objection to settling the lawsuits on the terms indicated. Indeed, as I read the terms of the settlement, it involves nothing but window dressing that does not, in any substance, protect the company or benefit its shareholders. Thus, it will end the litigations, and thereby end the wasteful drain on J&J finances from continuing litigation expenses. The absence of any merit to the lawsuit is further indicated by the fact that plaintiffs' counsel apparently did not feel that their cases

would benefit from depositions – a common tool when merit exists to be proven by oral testimony. Here, aside from the boilerplate language of unspecified "significant investigation and analysis," only "review of internal documents produced by" J&J was performed by Plaintiffs' counsel.

Given this record – which I assume is the best possible record that Plaintiffs' counsel could make -- I strenuously object to legal fees being paid to plaintiffs' counsel in, or any where near, the amount of \$10,000,000 plus \$450,000 in expenses, as requested. These meritless derivative actions, and class actions, are in reality court-approved larceny from shareholders, because they regularly end in a heads-wewin or tails-you-lose result, insofar as Plaintiffs' counsel are concerned. Plaintiffs' counsel jump in at the slightest bit of news that suggests the possibility of a cause of action. If merit can be found, they then have a cause of action that rightfully entitles them to a meaningful fee award. If, however no merit is found, they know that the defendant corporation will likely agree to avoid the burden of litigation by settling for the type of window dressing as involved here – of no benefit to stockholders – with agreement that defendants will not oppose the legal fee that Plaintiffs' counsel requests.

Thus, the award of legal fees is left to the Court, to whom I am addressing this objection. If Your Honor simply accepts this arrangement and approves the legal fee request, it will, most respectfully, simply authorize legal larceny from shareholders in this case. Yes, it will end this lawsuit and reduce the Court's docket. But, as a long respecter of the Federal Bench, I would prefer to look to Your Honor to protect shareholders from what lawyers find to be an expedient way of ending a litigation. An approval here of any material amount of fees can only further establish that plaintiff-lawyers should keep bringing meritless cases, knowing that they incur no meaningful risk, as a settlement with no material award for their client will still result in a substantial legal fee.

I therefore ask Your Honor to send a serious and needed message to the Plaintiffs' bar that they should not commence a lawsuit merely on

the possibility of merit or they may not be compensated for the time they spend, when no merit is, in fact, discovered.

Respectfully yours,

Gerald Walpin

Cc: Carella, Byrne, Cecchi, Olstein,
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Investment Report: August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012

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## ROLLOVER IRA (108682063)

Holdings as of August 31, 2012

Stocks

INI

Symbol Description

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

300.000

Quantity

\$67.430

Price

\$20,766.00

Beginning

Value

\$20,229.00

**Ending Value** 

\$18,022.68

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